(Rs. in crores)

SI. No.	Year	Profrt/(Loss)
3.	1996-1997	(51)
4.	1997-1998	15
5.	1998-1999	27
6.	1999-2000	46
7.	2000-2001	28
8.	2001-2002	22
9.	2002-2003	(375)
10.	2003-2004	(706)
11.	2004-2005	(310)

( ) Indicate Losses.

Quality of **powerline communication**

(a) SHRIANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government are aware of the use of power lines for communications on the pattern of PLCC;

(c) if so, will that render the optical fiber network of the operators redundant; and

(d) ©the quality of power line communication as compared with the optical fiber communication?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) As per available information, optical fiber cables placed inside earth conductor of power lines can be used for providing communications for long haul network.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Subject to proper engineering, the quality is likely to be same, as electric power does not effect the light waves travelling across the optical fiber cable.

Link road to Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan

3250. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the historic Sikh Gurudwara

Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan where Guru Nanak Devji spent last days of his life before passing away and which is located only 2.5 km away from Indo-Pak border; and

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take up with Pak Government, the request for opening of link road (Galiyara) without any restrictions from either country, made by whole Sikh community/devotees from all over the world as well as SGPC Amritsar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir. There is no such proposal before Government at present. However, Government have proposed to Pakistan the inclusion of Kartarpur Sahib in the list of shrines under the bilateral 'Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines-1974'.

Surrender of Maoists

†3251. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHIR RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news published in the major newspapers of India on 20th November, 2005 wherein it has been reported that the Maoists of Nepal have accepted to surrender weapons under United Nations Organisation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said decision of the Maoists have come during the dialogue held with the political parties of Nepal in India; and

(c) if not, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNALAFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The Government have seen reports in the media during the third week of Novermber, 2005 relating to a "Letter of Understanding" arrived at between a seven party alliance of parliamentary parties and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoists). The "Letter of Understanding" was released to the media separately by the political parties and the Communist party of Nepal (Maoists) on 22nd November 2005. The "Letter of Understanding" consists of 12 points, of which unofficial translation of point no. 3 is as follows:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.